

# PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017**

ALBA THOMPSON ROOM, TOWN HALL, 11 LINCOLN STREET, 7:00 P.M.

## **7:00PM - CALL TO ORDER**

Ken Tavares, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Kenneth A. Tavares (KT), Chairman  
Anthony F. Provenzano Jr (AP), Vice Chairman  
John Mahoney (JM)  
Betty Cavacco (BC)  
Shelagh Joyce (SJ)

Melissa Arrighi (MA), Town Manager  
Derek Brindisi (DB), Assistant Town Manager

## **1. Plymouth Pilgrims Baseball Club: 2017 Season Events**

Plymouth Pilgrims Presentation by Russell Shirley(RS). See attached. RS is requesting the BOS accept a gift from pilgrims baseball of tables. Peter Plant (PP) owner of Pilgrims baseball. Took over the team Nov 2016. Roster is set, 30 players coming into town from all over the country to play for pilgrims. All players will be living with homes throughout the community. New England collegiate baseball league. #2 Summer League in the country. Pilgrims scout student athletes that will represent the baseball team. 22 home and 22 away games. Forges Field will be homes games. Team is opening a lot of time and money getting the field ready for the season. Major league scouts also attend and need to ensure the field is major league condition. Pilgrims give the players jobs in various positions of marketing, business, journalism so the players can collect college credits. Running clinic throughout town and beyond. Rely very heavily on donations.

JM- appreciates Peter's support . What do you need for long term stability?

PP- needs a stadium that seats 3,000. Forges could be like a like the field in Cotuit. Doesn't necessarily believe a field is necessary. Need a commitment for small incremental improvements each and every year. Try to generate revenue through concessions. Ideally would like concessions behind home plate. Needs a place to store equipment. Right now they lease a metal container. Many other communities have called and asked him to move to other towns. Believes it's important to have a presence in Plymouth. Always gets great reviews. Wants center field to be 380-400 feet deep.

JM- thinks Stephens Field would be an ideal location if they could identify the extra 100 feet in centerfield. Would cost \$5M.

PP- has asked for continued support from the town e.g. the tattered flag at Forges Field.

RS- has suggested leveraging state funds to help support e.g. ADA assistance funds.

SJ- has offered to purchase a new flag for the field.

## **2. 7:05 p.m. Public Hearing – Water and Sewer Fees and Rates for Fiscal Year 2018 (Continued from May 23, 2017)**

SJ discussed the fact the admin is considering close to \$100,000,000 worth of upgrades to the water and sewer system. Believes the rates are too low.

JM- looking at FY 13 sewer rates. Had a zero on solid waste rates except for curbside with a slight increase. BOS put together a working group for solid waste that made a recommendation that holds the line on solid waste rates. JM reviews the Sewer rates over the previous 5 years and states the BOS needs to have faith in the numbers that are being proposed. We are 365 days away from dealing with the town's sewer cost problem.

SJ- thinks we need to hold off for another week before they vote. Believes the town should be tucking away more money given the large bill.

AP- 134,000 left in retained earnings. Major capital expense coming online. 20% expansion coming online that will help alleviate the overall cost.

KT- suggest that MA works with SJ for additional information over the next week.

MA- would like to have a goal for projected retained earnings .

JM- do we have to vote June 13<sup>th</sup> ? Would like Lynne present for the final vote on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **3. Fresh Meadow Farms – Medical Marijuana Presentation & Request**

13 Camelot Drive. Grow and Production. Mr. Randall- Great location for patients who don't have to travel far. Background working for Ocean Spray cranberry farmer. Understands the federal regulatory process.

Mike Lutz-Communications Advisor.

Frank Santoro also present.

SJ- did you threaten the town of Plympton that you would put in a 40B development if you didn't get a permit?

Mr. Randall- has a few neighbors who are opposed to his proposed marijuana facility in Plympton. The town zoned it allowing for such a facility. He works with MASS DEP and other federal and state agencies. Has a good reputation. Encourages the BOS speak with Mark Russo from Plympton to gain a better understanding of what transpired. Town and MDAR did due diligence. No violations found. Cannot eliminate allegations but can point the BOS to the facts of the situation.

SJ- what is the status of Plympton request?

MR Randall. State changed the law and stated cannabis no longer fits the agriculture definition. Currently, the application is on hold until there is a reversal on the new law. The law invalidates the way Plympton is zoned.

JM- goes over the host community agreement from the Town. Asks if they are willing to sign?

Mr. Randall- would be happy to sign the agreement. Think they can be the standard for together facilities. Would like to request a letter of non-opposition

#### **4. Nature's Remedy of Mass. – Medical Marijuana Presentation & Request**

Bob Carr-met with Town Depts a couple weeks back.

Valerio Romano(VR)- represents many dispensaries throughout the State. Do not get a 501c3 status. Will pay property taxes. Natures Remedy has already been vetted by MDPH by virtue of the two licenses in Millbury and Grafton.

JM- what will the state do re: recreational marijuana?

VR- adult /recreational use will not affect medicinal marijuana. No tax on medical marijuana. Cheaper in MA than CO. recreational marijuana is about getting high on THC. By the end of 2018 there will be no more than 4 adult use shops in MA. Letter on non-opposition provides for a town to be .... There will not be more than 20 medical facilities by the end of 2017.

JM-What do you see beyond 2018?

VR- medical marijuana goes a long way to preventing overdose deaths. By 2020 I predict no more than 15 recreational shops in MA.

SJ- Mass.gov website—\$3M range in Grafton. Do you see that in Plymouth?

VR- Grafton is a grow facility? Significant portion of the \$3M is mostly because of the cost of climate control technology. Plymouth buildout would be around \$500,000 bc the build out is not as substantial. At some point

John Grady- COO- been in the business for 40 years. Grow facilities are typically close to 5-6M. Believes it will be around \$300,000 with a shell facility. Building is away from everything so it is a bit easier to secure.

Russ Appleyard. Would not want to cluster medical facilities in one location. 1. Water Supply may be a problem. 2. Businesses only compete on price. 3. Patients shouldn't have to all drive to west Plymouth.

Wynn Gerhardt- agrees that we need to be concerned with clustering. Zoning states that there is no need to be just in industrial park. Many people live in this area. Both facilities are proposing to be in the northern part of town and southern residents would not have as easy access. Down the road

will need to deal with recreational marijuana facilities bc the medical marijuana facilities will be a front runner in the recreational facilities.

## **5. Public Comment**

Plymouths 5<sup>th</sup> annual kids ride to raise money for Dana Farber Cancer Institute. See attached.

Jim Middleton from Habitat for Humanity present to advocate for the listed admin note. Express his thanks to the Board and the Town Management. KT- responds by thanking Habitat for Humanity for they great work they are doing for veterans.

Everett Malaguiti talks about the entrance to Veteran Field. Grass was supposed to be between the walkways. This was supposed to be plantings. North Plymouth Committee was supposed to look at the design. He is seeking clarification when the committee was not notified of the plan design. Town is rushing to completion of the park. KT- asked the TM to respond to the Board and Steering Committee.

## **6. Town Manager's Report (see attached)**

KT would like to credit Tiffany Park for her work in saving the Town \$66,000 worth of money and credit to the Town.

## **7. Licenses and Administrative Notes**

### Licenses

One Day Wine & Malt – Jeff Nardone/Mayflower Brewing, for event at 12 Resnik Rd., June 11<sup>th</sup>

Motion to approve AP- Seconded SJ- Approved 5-0

Common Victualler – The Blueberry Muffin, 12 Village Green South

Motion to approve AP- Seconded SJ- Approved 5-0

Amplified Music Permit – Mayflower Brewing Company, 12 Resnik Road, for event on June 11<sup>th</sup>

Motion to approve AP- Seconded JM- Approved 5-0

### Administrative Notes

Execute Conveyance Doc's for Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing Project on Long Pond Road

Motion to approve AP- Seconded SJ- Approved 5-0

Modify Easement Agreement from Demoulas Supermarkets for portion of property on Carver Road

Motion to approve JM- Seconded SJ- Approved 5-0

Approve 6-Month Extension to License Agreement with Lobstermen's Association for Wharf Winch

Motion to approve AP- Seconded JM- Approved 5-0

Vacate Foreclosure on Lot 36-4, Map 48 (158 Bartlett Rd.) upon Pmt. of Taxes, Interest, Legal Fees

Motion to approve AP- Seconded SJ- Approved 5-0

Amend Section 7.4(d) of Town's Aquaculture Regulations to Clarify Eligibility & Max Acreage

No vote taken. Deferred for future meeting

#### **8. Selectmen's Committee Assignments**

CIC	SJ
CPC	JM
COA	KT
DVC	BC
Extended Building	KT
Gatra	Staff
IAC	AP
MBTA	Staff
MPO	Lee Hartmann
Natural Resources	BC
NMC	none
Old Colony Elder	Barry DeBlasio
Old Colony Transportation	Sid Kashi
ED Foundation	KT
Plymouth 400	KT
Plymouth County Advisory	JM
Roads Advisory	SJ
South Shore Com Action	AP

#### **Business**

JM- discusses the Nuclear Decommission Commission. Did not like the set up. Thinks they need a horseshoe set up. Commission did not vote a chair/Vice Chari. Probably will meet 6-10 times per year.

SJ working with Dan Rodriguez from PACTV re: the poor audio. Audio mixers are 18 years old. Doesn't want to move old equipment to new town hall. Wants the TM to work with PACTV to have audio refurbished during the Board Summer break.

KT would like Board members to email him topics that can be discussed over the summer in order for the Board to establish goals. Have the top 5 groups come before the Board to discuss specific issues.

**Adjourn 8:55 PM**